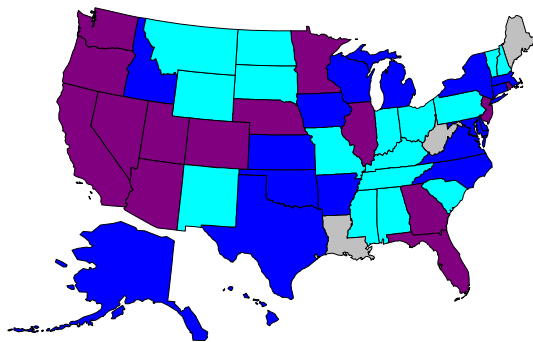


Characteristics of Children 2 : Language and English Ability: 1990 - 2000

Change in Percent of Children who Speak a Language

Other Than English at Home: 1990 - 2000



Percentage-Point Change 1990 - 2000

■ Increase of 4.5 or more	(14)
■ Increase of 2.1 up to 4.4	(18)
■ Increase of 2.0 or less	(16)
■ Decrease or No Significant Change	(3)

U.S. Change 4.5

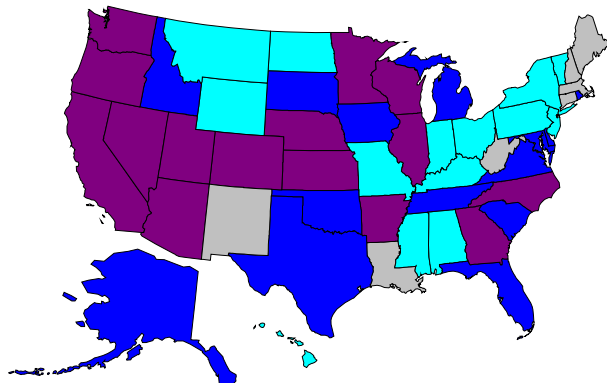
- Nationally, the percentage of children speaking a language other than English at home increased 4.5 percentage points to 18.4 percent in 2000.

- All regions and most states had increases over the decade. Nevada more than doubled its percentage of children who spoke a language other than English at home.

- West Virginia was one of a few states that did not follow the national trend. It had a slight decrease. In both decades this state had one of the lowest levels of children speaking a language other than English at home.

Change In Percent of Children With Difficulty Speaking

English: 1990 - 2000



Percentage-Point Change 1990 - 2000

■ Increase of 1.3 or more	(15)
■ Increase of 0.7 to 1.2	(14)
■ Increase of 0.6 or less	(14)
■ Decrease or No Significant Change	(8)

U.S. Change 1.3

- Nationally, the percentage of children with at least some difficulty speaking English increased from 5.2 percent to 6.6 percent.

- All regions and most states also had increases, with many states in the West having increases above the national average.

- Nevada experienced a 5.0 percentage-point increase from 1990 to 2000.